

Party Time



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Above: Salsarita's in the Union celebrated Cinco de Mayo with \$5 burritos on Wednesday. **Nick Wolf**, Unit Leader at Salsarita's, said he dressed up because, "It's Cinco de Mayo and I work in a Mexican food restaurant. I just like to have fun. I would do it everyday if I could get away with it." **Right:** The \$5 burrito sale along with his birthday prompted **Eric Johnson**, graduate student in mechanical engineering, to eat at Salsarita's.

Cinco de Mayo celebrated

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In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Salsarita's offered free churros, a \$5 small burrito and drink special with a coupon available from its Facebook page. The restaurant also gave out free piñatas full of candy. The restaurant was decorated with candy on the tables, balloons, multicolored ribbons and traditional Mexican items like sombreros.

Salsarita's also had a wing-eating contest to draw more attention to its Cinco de Mayo festivities. The contest took place at noon and the person who could eat the most wings in the shortest amount of time won a 32-inch flat-screen TV.

Matt Pray, marketing director for K-State Union food service, was optimistic before the event.

"I think the celebration is going to be pretty big with a lot of people," he said. "After students see the balloons, decorations and wing-eating contest going on, they'll want to get on their phones and call their friends to come," Pray said.

Pray emceed the wing-eating contest to get the crowd "hyped and fired up" for the day.

Kirsten Priest, a senior in family studies and human services and an associate at Salsarita's, said the res-

taurant was packed with customers from the time it opened to about 1:00 p.m. Many students presented the printed coupon.

"It's a fun, cool holiday," Priest said. "I love Mexican food and culture, that's why I work here."

Arrielle Monroe, junior in public relations, said although she is half Argentine – not Mexican – her family still celebrates the holiday every year in recognition of their heritage.

"We usually make a big tub of a drink mixed with tequila, lime juice, chili powder and cut-up lemons or limes. [Then we] dance and eat on Cinco De Mayo," said Monroe.

Daniel Flores, junior in mass communications and sociology, said he is half Mexican but was raised more American. Thus, he said he doesn't celebrate the holiday every year, but he still tries to partake in some of the annual festivities.

"Since I'm half Mexican and my Dad is full Mexican, it's kind of one of those things that is important to him and my grandparents, but now there's a generation gap," said Flores.

Bars and restaurants in Manhattan got in on the party, too, offering specials yesterday.



Northview Elementary holds groundbreaking ceremony

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Northview Elementary school on Tuesday. The ceremony was a milestone in the school's construction progress.

"We had our students sit in the shape of a 'N' and a 'V' for 'Northview,' and everyone was encouraged to wear purple," said principal Shelley Aistrup. "Afterwards we sang the school song."

The ceremony was "short and sweet" but was the typical ceremony that the schools hold for such occasions. Several local dignitaries were present for the event, Aistrup said. They included Mayor Bruce Snead, Board of Education President Nancy Knopp and Bob Shannon of the Cham-

ber of Commerce. Along with some students, they dug shovels into the ground where construction will be taking place.

"Really it's a timely celebration of what's to come," said Michelle Jones, communications coordinator for USD 383.

Northview, as well as Lee Elementary, are both undergoing construction this year. Each school is putting designs out to bid, with Lee already starting the bidding process, Jones said. The schools first met with architects last summer.

Construction at Northview involves the addition of six new classrooms, a cafeteria and kitchen and some office space, Aistrup said. They will also be renovating several classrooms to function as kin-

dergarten rooms.

The building, which is over 50 years old, will also receive new windows and heating and air units as they switch to centralized air conditioning, Aistrup said.

"Everyone is looking forward to that," Aistrup said. "Currently we're using window units."

The design process at Lee Elementary took longer than at Northview, Jones said, because the project is larger. Aistrup said the final design approval was to be voted on at last night's Board of Education meeting. Aistrup said she hopes to have the bidding process started at Northview next month.

There will also be a groundbreaking ceremony at Lee Elementary on May 12 at 2 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

Chevy Caprice windows broken, electronics stolen from home

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

CORRECTION FROM RCPD

Gregory Mitchell, of 530 Blumont Ave., was arrested on April 26 for driving while suspended and no other charges.

CHEVY CAPRICE WINDOWS BROKEN

A Manhattan man's car suffered \$750 worth of damage, possibly from a baseball bat, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime between 12:15 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday at 321 Dix Dr., according to the report.

The victim, Bryan Bereen, 20, of the same address, reported the incident. According to the report, an unknown suspect or suspects broke out the front and back windows of Bereen's 1971 Chevy Caprice. No arrests have been made.

ELECTRONICS STOLEN FROM MANHATTAN HOME

Almost \$2,000 worth of entertainment electronics were stolen from a Manhattan home earlier this week, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime between an unknown time on Monday and 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, at 917 Osage St., according to the report.

The victims, Jared Jewell, 24, and Christopher Quintanar, 23, of the same address, reported the items missing from their home on Tuesday, according to the report.

Items stolen include a 42-inch Samsung Plasma TV, worth \$1,240; an Xbox game system, worth \$400; and a Sony Playstation 3 game system, worth \$350. The report did not indicate if the suspect's entry into the residence was forced, said RCPD Lt. Herb Crosby.

No arrests have been made.

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Easy Targets

Research on bullying ridiculous



Karen Ingram

Once again, research dollars have been put to brilliant use, providing us with a scientific study that could have been authored by Captain Obvious.

A study conducted at the Center for Human Growth and Development at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor has concluded that fat kids are at a higher risk of being bullied than average-sized kids.

No kidding.

I often wonder about studies like this. It seems like every month there's a paper being published that tells people something they already know. I wonder how much money is wasted on this crap. I wonder how the authors of these studies could possibly think it prudent to waste time and money on them. Did the author of this study grow up home schooled or under a rock? Of course fat kids get teased by bullies. Everybody knows that, you moron.

Even if you did grow up under a rock and truly had no experience being bullied, being a bully or just observing them, you could still figure out the fat kid is going to be the best target by watching movies and television. "The Lord of the Flies," "Heavy Weights," "Angus," or anything with John Candy or Chris Farley in it would tell you that fat people are to be laughed at, whether they're funny or not.

I don't think this is going to be an issue for long, though, because the number of fat kids is skyrocketing in this country. According to *KidsHealth.org*, one in three American kids is now



Illustration by Erin Logan

considered overweight or obese. One in three.

When I was growing up, I was the only fat kid in all of the schools I attended until about seventh grade. I can't help but feel I was born in the wrong generation. Fat kids these days have it easier because there are so many of them, and they're getting more plentiful every day. They have backup. They provide multiple targets for bullies, meaning they can hide while

some other fat kid gets picked on. Or maybe the bullies have to start cycling through them on a weekly schedule to make sure they're all accounted for.

At any rate, if the obesity trend continues, fat kids will be more common than skinny ones. Skinny will be the minority, the abnormality. Will the tables turn? Will fat kids turn into the bullies for all the skinny kids? Why doesn't somebody do a study on that?

Regardless of whether fat kids take over the schools or not, there will always be teasing, name-calling and hurt feelings in our schools. Kids will always be teased because they're too fat, thin, ugly, poor or just plain stupid. And the ones branded as "bullies" are not the only culprits in school. They all do it. It's human nature for kids to establish a pecking order, and no amount of counseling or feel-good TV shows about express-

ing feelings and resolving conflicts through talking will ever change that.

Researchers, please stop wasting time and money on pointless studies that tell us things we already know. Go research something more important, and leave the fat kids to do their revenge plotting on their own.

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Students who go home for summer risk contracting lame-itis



Drew Morris

It's that time of year again. For seniors it's the last time, for freshman it's the first. Spring finals signify a rite of passage for some and the start of a journey for others. But after this stressful experience called finals week, and the myth that is dead week, what is there to do with all that time?

The vast, hot expanse called summer looms ahead, totally de-

void of educational stimulation. The desire to become comatose and lethargic may become overwhelming in the near future. Not to worry: several antidotes exist, ready to bring the young soul back to consciousness.

The first decision to be made about this summer, which for most is foregone, is where to live. Most people choose to go home for the summer. I pity the fool who believes life with the parents could be more fun than summer in a college town. However, these people, no matter their naivete, are not to be overlooked.

For those who decide to travel back to the homestead for their brief hiatus from higher education, lame-itis is a serious threat.

It afflicts thousands each year, according to experts. Symptoms include yawning, going to bed early, staying in on the weekends and watching "Bones" for three hours every night. While not fatal, it can cause extreme boredom, which may lead to insanity.

As luck would have it, there is a cure for lame-itis. More than 80 years ago, a person threw a circular cake pan to another person, and enjoyment was gained by both parties. For whatever reason, the same phenomenon is true to this day with Frisbees, one of the cheapest and easiest forms of entertainment.

If, unlike your unlucky counterparts, you are staying in Manhattan for the summer, many other opportunities present

themselves to you. Hiking, once a form of relocation and travel, is now a form of entertainment. Fortunately, such an activity requires a minimum cost, and several trails may be found around Manhattan, such as the Konza Prairie and Tuttle Creek.

Camping follows similar lines, and it is an affordable escape for the college student. As many students are undoubtedly aware, a large lake hovers just north of town, which allows for fishing, swimming and canoeing. Peter's Recreational Center offers canoes for rent, and there are bait shops up by the lake.

Pillsbury Crossing offers a place to rest, as long as you don't mind snakes and not drinking alcohol. The City of Manhattan

is currently building an incredible water park in City Park, and who says kids should have all the fun? The baseball team plays until the end of May, there's live music in Aggierville all the time, and, best of all, I don't live at my parents' house (no offense Mom and Dad).

The summer allows for lounging, long periods of deep thought with your eyes closed, and beverage-drinking. It can also be an opportunity to try new things, go to new places and meet new people. Don't waste the opportunity sitting around doing nothing. Get up and live life.

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Women must speak out against violence

We want to thank everyone who attended the Take Back the Night rally for being brave enough to make their voices heard in a place that would rather not hear what they have to say about the violence that exists in their lives and the constant fear the threat of violence creates. We are writing you this letter in hopes of clarifying some misrepresentations in the April 30 article, "Women promote safety, independence at rally Thursday night," by Tiara Wil-liams.

First, we would like to address the representation of Laura Thacker as having a disability that "causes one leg to drag behind the other." Part of the message Thacker was attempting to convey was "making assumptions about all people, specifically those with disabilities, is a form of silencing." This can be seen as a type of violence. By printing such a crude statement without talking to her directly, the Collegian disrespects her struggle, undermines the message she was putting forward and continues to enact the violence of silencing those who are constant-

ly marginalized.

Additionally, it is important to address why we began our rally with a message of solidarity with women who are serving in our armed forces or women who may be married to U.S. soldiers. We feel the need to express this statement of solidarity with these particular women because our government does not allow them to participate in events that denounce the violences that it perpetuates against women in the U.S. as well as abroad.

While we want to acknowledge the sacrifices that non-civilian women have made and the dangers that they face daily, we are also invested in acknowledging that the U.S. military is an institution that forces assimilation through the use of violence - breaking lives, destroying communities, abducting loved ones, terminating women and children, and abolishing cultures.

It is necessary to address the sentiments that several community members expressed in the article regarding our decisions to include our children in the march.

Several people voiced feelings of discomfort with the idea of children participating in the event, and with the event in general, given some of our language choice in both our signs and our chants. Being a child does not protect you from sexual or physical violence. Though it might be uncomfortable to be faced with the truth, the threat of violence is something all women face from birth.

We would also like to address the dissent over our "word choice in the chants." We intentionally and purposefully use these words to make people feel uncomfortable. It is our desire that we see you squirm in your seat, because these reactions attest to the discomfort that results from confronting the truth. It is necessary, when faced with discomfort over topics of rape and sexual violence toward women, to ask ourselves why we are so uncomfortable when confronted with the truth. In a conversation with a participant in the rally, she said she "would rather live in a world where having to protect her child from curse words was what

she was most worried about." We need to face our discomfort when it comes to talking about rape and sexual violence, to suspend ourselves in the uneasiness that it provokes, if we are to ever find a way to end it.

Take Back the Night is an event that forces people to confront their own unwillingness to recognize that violence is a part of this community. It is not pretty; it is not polite. The night when this event ceases to make people angry and uncomfortable will be the night it is no longer necessary. We hope until the night comes where women, of whatever age, no longer have to survive violence to walk through the world knowing that they are constantly at the risk of being violated, will continue to shout loud through the streets that this should not be tolerated, regardless of how uncomfortable it is to speak - no matter how uncomfortable it is for others who hear them.

Igniting Discomfort,
Melissa Prescott
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Restaurant Recap

Aaron Eats: a semester of reviews ranked



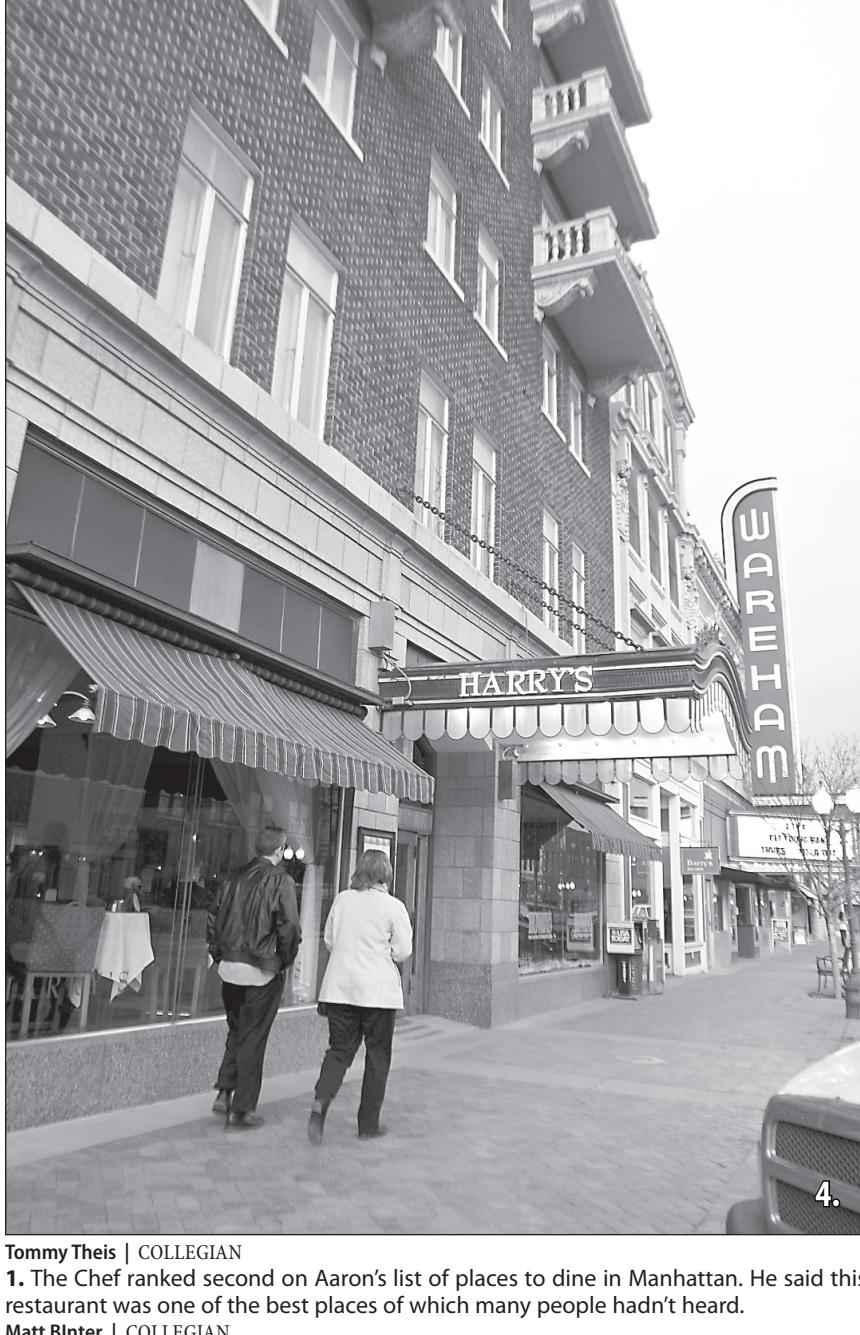
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1. The Chef ranked second on Aaron's list of places to dine in Manhattan. He said this restaurant was one of the best places of which many people hadn't heard.

Matt Blnter | COLLEGIAN

2. Kite's food might be a bit greasy, but for watching a sports event and putting down a burger and beers, it is the place to go.

Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

3. Coco Bolos cooks up an assortment of food, mostly dishes that one would find close to, and south of, the border (of Mexico, not Canada).

Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

4. Harry's earned the title of "Best of Aaron Eats" due to its wonderful food and its classy atmosphere. Although it is more expensive than most other restaurants, especially Aggieville alternatives, it is a good place to go for a nice change of place.

This semester was full of great food and happy stomachs. Whether or not those two went hand in hand on the same night or not, I found some of the best restaurants in town and abroad and have hopefully given some pointers to those of you searching for a great night out with someone special or for a bite with your buddies.

The ranking of the restaurants was a tough decision not necessarily reflecting a poor restaurant versus a great one, but rather the experience and the food. However, though there must be a best and a worst, there are some highlights and downfalls to each and every one of them.

Harry's: a restaurant full of appeal and aspiration, was the "Best of Aaron Eats." Classy, delicious and appealing to all tastes, it is truly a solid dining establishment. While perhaps a bit out of the price range for a normal college student, it does a great job with a bar menu, lunch specials and Howdy's next door to offer a competitive price. The service is aces, and with an online reservation system you can arrive sure of your spot.

The Chef: local sass with all the trimmings. While I do admit, the style in this place just puts me at ease, the food is comfort to a "t." Unfortunately, being so good, it is terribly popular and as such command quite a wait. For a busy eater who wants good food, you may have to skip The Chef if you don't time it just right.

Nelson's Landing: so nice I had to try it twice, and it held up both times. Again, the pie is worth the drive. With delicious American staples and good country cooking, they know how to live in Leonardville, Kan. Sadly, my compatriots, it is a short hour's worth of driving to and fro, and it isn't fun to drive with a very full tummy.

Coco Bolos: flair, fun and food reminiscent of a different world. They knock the ball out of the park on spice. However, like I mentioned so many weeks ago, the bold flavors are a bit much for the average eater who can't handle the heat, so a mild-mannered date may

want a softer bite.

AJ's: pizza done right. For a few bucks, an AJ's slice will do. If you're feeling big, get a pie, but know that you're taking a box home. They have a great restaurant with New York flair; their pizzas have generally been on target, but sometimes, they leave you feeling a bit heavy as you head out the door.

Rock-a-belly: a real Manhattan establishment. What a fun little bar in which to grab a sandwich and chat. Beers flow smoothly, and the food is out quickly, so you're never left wanting. Crammed in tight when the place is busy, it can put a damper on the dining mood. While the sandwiches are delicious to eat, on a hungry day

you may find yourself craving a snack after you finish if you didn't have anything to drink with your meal.

The Little Grill: a blast. Getting away from the hustle and bustle of Manhattan and finding a cozy little corner to enjoy some music and food. Serving warm, slow food that settles way down inside and puts your body at rest, the Little Grill made a nice impression. We were there for a long time, however, and our food came out pretty late after ordering. Personally I don't mind a wait, but for those impatient eaters, you may do well to skip on peace and taste.

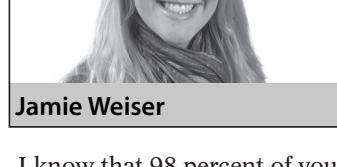
Kite's: the established bar and college kid haven. Sinful tasty pleasures abound and fried foods run rampant, but oh do they taste good. From burgers to pasta, they have a little of everything, and it all tastes darn good. It can bog you down though, be a bit greasy, and the atmosphere isn't always what you bargain for. But for sports and burgers, you have to go to Kite's.

Alongside ranking these restaurants, I reserved the right to give out just a couple of awards in my travels that I think are both well deserved and appropriately titled.

Besides Harry's, awards for food go to "The Chef" and "Kite's".

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Reflections on end of semester



Jamie Weiser

I know that 98 percent of you will be angry with me when you read what I am about to say, and the other 2 percent will not be, but only because you are in the same situation as me. But here it goes. My semester has wrapped

up relatively early, and so I find myself full of free time during dead week. Besides being able to spend relaxing afternoons at the University Crossing pool, I have made it my goal to help my friends stay sane throughout finals week. Also, all this free time has helped me tie up loose ends from this semester, spend time with fellow sorority members, and even prepare for this summer and next fall.

One of the memories I will keep forever is the ridiculous amount of time I have spent at Sonic Drive-In during these last

weeks of school. Two of my fellow Sigma Kappas and I have now created a bimonthly tradition where we spend at least two hours on a Thursday evening sitting in my car at Sonic. Hayley, Maddie and I spend that time talking about subjects that are arguably entirely too deep to have at Sonic. We have learned so much more about each other, our lives, experiences we have had, our beliefs and so on.

We have also created some outrageous memories. One evening, we decided to recline the driver and passenger seats until they

were entirely flat in order to create a more comfortable, long-term seating arrangement. After enjoying our powwow for about an hour at that point, we busted out some serious dance moves to Taio Cruz's "Break Your Heart." As I energetically mimed breaking a heart, Maddie bounced around, and Hayley broke out into an intense lip-syncing routine. Apparently, we had an audience because soon after, the Sonic carhop delivered three waters to us, compliments of the young men parked in Sonic stall number three.

Although I am thankful for all

the hilarious, treasured memories from this semester, I feel bittersweet about wrapping up this school year. It has been such an exciting year, and I have widened my friendship base dramatically through my involvement in greek life. I am excited to move into my sorority house in the fall. If one thing is for sure, it will not be a piece of cake to live with 55 other women. But I have no doubt that it will be an absolutely unforgettable experience.

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Beasley's attitude displays enthusiasm



Paul Harris

Michael Beasley is a big kid who attended more high schools in four years than some people have jobs in two decades.

All kidding aside, Beasley will never shed his child-like enthusiasm. His attitude was made for the college game, but you cannot make a lot of money at Kansas State. When your eligibility runs out, you still have to provide for your family. So, I don't criticize Beasley for leaving after his freshman year. I criticize Eric Spoelstra. I criticize Dwayne Wade. I criticize Pat Riley.

Beasley was drafted because he was what fans clamored for. So, while Derrick Rose went on to win rookie of the year, former childhood teammate Kevin Durant has elevated himself to elite status. Beasley is the dullest light amidst the glitz and glamour of South Beach. Wade and Beasley have not become the Abbott and Costello Riley that Miami fans wanted. Instead, they have argued on court and they have been a source of constant tension.

Beasley has become the epitome of what today's sports journalists want. People would rather discuss a young man who has supposed maturity issues and who has had problems with substance abuse. You never hear about the kid in Michael Beasley. You never hear about the time a kid went and sat next to his cousin during halftime but was told he would have to move by an usher. Beasley turned around and told the usher the kid was with him so he could sit with his cousin Beasley for the rest of the game.

Why would we want to hear about the positive parts of Beasley's life? It is much easier to stir up the negative aspects of Beasley's life.

Miami Heat fans are upset because Beasley has not lived up to expectations. While his stats leave something to be desired, it seems ridiculous to call a second-year player a bust. Beasley averaged over 14 points through his first two seasons at Miami. Fans are obviously not happy with Beasley's lack of production, but some fans are upset at his attitude.

Yeah, I hate it when a 20-year-old has fun on the court. God forbid he shed a smile or sing a song or dance. Dang it Beasley, this is professional basketball. We are paying you millions of dollars to play a game. I do not know what is more ridiculous: people upset at him for having fun or paying a person millions of dollars to play a game.

Eric Spoelstra has tried to fit a square peg into a round hole. I would not be surprised to see Beasley live up to expectations. He needs a change of scenery.

In an interview with Mark Janssen, Beasley said he hopes the NBA puts a franchise in Manhattan. Beasley goes on to say that he misses Manhattan and continues to cheer on K-State. Well, Beasley, there are plenty of people who are cheering for you in Manhattan too. I don't see Beasley in a Heat jersey next season, but I do expect to see him wearing a smile.

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Shut Out



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

The pitching of K-State and its bullpen in particular was impressive during Wednesday's home game, but the team could not get the bats going and fell 3-0 to the Golden Gophers of Minnesota. It was the first time K-State has been shut out in almost a year.

K-State offense silenced in series finale

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

On the cusp of arguably the biggest series in K-State baseball history, the Wildcat offense stumbled through its worst performance of the season.

K-State (31-13) was shut out for the first time in nearly a calendar year as it dropped a 3-0 decision to Big Ten Conference opponent Minnesota on Wednesday at Tointon Family Stadium. The loss comes just two days before No. 1 Texas arrives in Manhattan for three-game series.

"It must have been great pitching," head coach Brad Hill said. "We just never could mount anything. Their guys kept throwing at the right spots and we started chasing pitches."

The Golden Gophers (20-26) grabbed control of the contest early by roughing up K-State starter Matt Applegate in the first inning. The sophomore from Wichita allowed three runs on five hits – including a two-run home run by Gopher first baseman Nick O'Shea – before getting out of the opening frame. Applegate regained his composure after that and gave up just two more hits over the next 2.2 innings but took the loss and fell to 1-1 on the season.

Minnesota's pitching staff kept K-State's bats in check from the start, holding the Wildcats to just three singles in the series finale. The game marked the first time K-State was held scoreless since it lost 8-0 against Rice in NCAA Regional action on May 31, 2009.

The last time the Wildcats were blanked by a

non-conference opponent in regular season play was Feb. 25, 2005, against Northwestern State.

"We scored 12 runs [Tuesday] night," Hill said. "We have a great offense that really shouldn't do that right there."

It looked as though K-State's bats would break through in the sixth inning when junior first baseman Kent Urban singled and senior catcher Daniel Dellasega was hit by a pitch. Redshirt freshman right fielder Nick Cocking followed that up with a sharp grounder to right, but his bid for a hit was erased with a diving stop by Gopher second baseman Matt Puhl.

According to Hill, Puhl's play was the story of the game, as the Gophers had an answer every time K-State started to build momentum.

"We had a couple well hit balls," he said. "One was right at them and then a guy dives in the hole. We needed something like that to happen to generate some enthusiasm and some momentum. We just never could do it today."

The Wildcat bullpen provided the lone bright spot of the day, as the tandem of Evan Marshall, Thomas Rooke and James Allen combined for 5.1 innings of no-hit baseball. Marshall took on the majority of the workload as he tossed 2.1 innings, striking out seven and walking just one.

When it was all said and done, Hill said it's crucial that the Wildcats put the loss behind them because there will be little margin for error against the Longhorns, who have won 21 straight games entering Friday's se-

ries opener.

"With the way Texas is going right now, it's going to be real important that we come out and play with a lot more energy than what we did today," he said.

K-State will have today off to regroup before taking the field on Friday. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.



A K-State player slides into the bag as he tries to beat the tag and get on base.

2010 football will feature three generations of Snyder

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

K-State named Bill Snyder head football coach in 1988. Around the same time, most current K-State students were born. Upon his arrival, the program had not gotten a win in 27 games. After a few years of rebuilding, Snyder took the team to 11 straight bowl games. His son, Sean, played two years at K-State and became an All-America punter. Later, he became the senior associate athletic director of football operations. Now Sean's son, Tate, is getting ready to graduate from Manhattan High School and join the K-State football team. And so the legacy continues.

TATE

Of course, with his dad and grandpa, Tate has been around football his whole life, but he has been in love with the game since he started playing in second grade. He got some offensive time as a halfback and fullback when he was younger, but he went straight to defense in high school and plays mostly linebacker. Because of his family, the expectations – his and those of others – are always great.

"It's always been hard on me because people expect good out of me," Tate said. "It makes me play better because people expect me to always be able to make plays, which I like. I have high expectations of myself."

Tate said it is awesome to be able to share the sidelines with family next year, but he would have stayed in Manhattan regardless of whether that was the case.

"I was going to K-State no matter what," Tate said. "To play with my grandpa and to play with my dad, it would have never changed if they were here or not. I've wanted to play at K-State since I was little. It's fortunate with my grandpa coming back and my dad still being there."

Tate said he and his wife had gotten ready to accept the possibility

their kids would go other places for college, but they are excited Tate will follow in his sister Katherine's footsteps by staying close.

"We were set and ready if they chose to fly the coop and go wander off somewhere around the country but, God bless them, they stayed close, so that's been awesome for us," Sean said.

Sean said Tate played just about a little of every sport and lots of some sports growing up, so there are many memories from over the years. Sean said some of his favorite memories are some of the earliest.

"The young times I really, really like because it's so pure with what they're doing; they're just running around and playing," Sean said.

When he was younger, Tate had some of what his dad called "those 'wow' hits, where you couldn't believe he just did that."

Sean said those memories stand out, but he has also been proud of the way Tate has handled difficult situations with teammates or with being a motivating voice when the team needed one.

SEAN

So what exactly does a senior associate athletic director of football operations do? Sean said he gets that question an awful lot, and that he oversees basically all of the day-to-day operation of football. He serves as a liaison with administration, coordinates travel, practices, two-a-days, housing and more.

"At the end of the day, I'm kind of the one that where Dad lacks, I make sure everything's moving in the right direction," Sean said.

He said he most enjoys the variety of it and said the most fulfilling part is when he can make a change in kid's life.

Rewind about 20 years. Sean's football career began his freshman year in high school. The family had moved from Denton, Tex., to Green-

ville, Tex., and he made the team as a defensive end and tight end. Then one day the coach wanted to see who all could kick, and that is when it all started.

During the recruiting process, Sean garnered interest from Texas Tech, Texas A&M and several smaller schools, but he chose to play under his dad at the University of Iowa.

"I wanted to be some place where he was," Sean said. "Because [of] the fact that he wasn't around through the majority of my youth as a football player, I wanted to be able to get into a situation where I could play underneath him."

Bill said many people told him when Sean went to Iowa to play for him that he didn't want to 'get caught off coaching his own son.'

"I think that's even older school than I am old school, and I think it's the best thing in the world," Bill said. "I've had a lot of coaches ask or call and ask about that same thing. My encouragement to them is let them do what they want to do. They have to be happy with it. If they want to be there, that's the best thing in the world for you."

Sean played for his dad for a year at Iowa before Bill got the K-State job. Sean stayed at Iowa for another season, but it did not work out, so he decided to transfer to K-State, where he became an All-America punter his senior year.

Sean remembers the moments of being in games with his dad, getting the question of "Why did you do that?" after hitting a bad punt or high fives after a good one. He said his playing career at K-State was a roller-coaster ride of highs and lows, as every playing career has been, is and will be.

"As far as the highs [it] was being able to see the progression of the team and being able to see things get better because I'd seen him my whole life work very hard and diligently to

get to where he is, and so to see the team progress and to see players buy in and see things get better and to see the atmosphere the way it is, that was probably the most fulfilling," Sean said.

BILL

If one reads Bill's biography – and an accomplished career does not translate to a short read-on kstatesports.com, he or she might be surprised to learn Bill began coaching full-time in 1964 at Indio High School in California and stayed in that sunny state for nearly 10 years before taking a position as the offensive coordinator on the football staff and the head swimming coach at Austin College in Sherman, Tex., in 1974. He also coached at University of North Texas before heading to Iowa about five years later.

And, of course, everyone knows where he went after that.

Of all the nuances a dad teaches his son, Sean listed several lessons from Bill that top his list.

"Persistence, organization and probably the utmost important is understanding that all the little things, doesn't matter what they are, will add up to a lot, good or bad. You've got to pay attention to detail," Sean said.

While Bill, Sean and Tate will be on the same field come summer and fall, it is sometimes a challenge to spend much time with people. Sean said most of the coaches begin their workdays around 8 a.m. and do not get done until 11 p.m. or midnight.

"Sean stays so busy because, like I said, he runs this thing," Bill said. "He stays so busy, it's hard for me to really interact as much as I would like with him. I just have to pull him in sometimes and sit him down and just talk about family. For him to have Tate around will be good for him, and it will certainly be great for me."

Justin Nutter contributed to this story.

Tiahrt runs for Senate

Dear Editor:

The K-State College Republicans are proud to announce their endorsement of Congressman Todd Tiahrt for the U.S. Senate. This is the first time the KSU College Republicans have endorsed a candidate in a primary election. The issues that College Republicans believe in are worth taking a proactive stance on, and after much deliberation, we have decided which candidate best defends and upholds those values. We have chosen to endorse Todd Tiahrt because he is the one true fiscal conservative in the race for the U.S. Senate, and he fully embodies the social and economic principles that we as College Republicans hold dear.

We are not alone in this endorsement. The majority of the College Republican chapters in Kansas have endorsed Congressman Tiahrt, including those chapters from Wichita State, Pittsburg State, Benedictine College and Baker University. In addition, the Kansas Federation of College Republicans endorsed Congressman Tiahrt, which is the first endorsement of a primary candidate this group has made in history.

As students, we are preparing to venture out into the workforce and we know that our nation needs strong, conservative leadership to get us on the road to economic recovery. Tiahrt is the only candidate in this race who has never voted for a tax increase of any kind. He has opposed every bailout, he was the sponsor of the "No More Bailouts Resolution," and he is the Founder and Chairman of the Economic Competitiveness Caucus which ensures that we, as college students, will venture out into a fair and competitive workforce.

Many of us at K-State come from farming backgrounds. Being raised on a farm, Tiahrt knows that agriculture is not just an issue but a way of life. Tiahrt has been very proactive in protecting Kansans' agricultural interests by pushing for the permanent repeal of the Death Tax and by revoking with the "Tiahrt Amendment" the proposed Environmental Protection Agency Livestock Tax which would have taken approximately 10 percent of gross profit made from livestock sales.

Congressman Tiahrt has shown us that he will fight for our Second Amendment rights with the "Tiahrt Trace Data Amendment," which is supported by the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America.

We also highly respect Congressman Tiahrt's advocacy for anti-abortion causes. Tiahrt is the first candidate to be endorsed by Kansans for Life in a primary election. He has fervently fought for the sanctity of life by sponsoring or co-sponsoring 84 anti-abortion bills during his tenure as a congressman. Tiahrt has donated over \$20,000 to anti-abortion causes and traveled internationally on behalf of anti-abortion movements.

Finally, Tiahrt has been the one and only candidate in this race that has accommodated every request to speak on numerous occasions over the past few years. He has made generous contributions to our cause and he has stressed to us how highly he regards and respects the young leaders of Kansas.

We as College Republicans understand the importance of youth involvement in the political process and believe Todd Tiahrt is the candidate who has the integrity and resolve to fight for us in Washington against the threat of expanding government and shrinking freedoms. Tiahrt has proven that he respects the College Republicans as young Kansas leaders and considers us a viable political entity that should not be ignored.

Sincerely,

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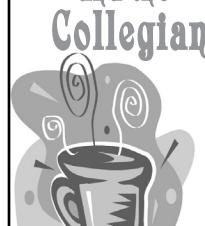
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Jose Abraham, graduate student in architecture, sleeps under a desk while Jamshid Habib, graduate student in architecture, continues his work, studying and getting ready for the finals next week.

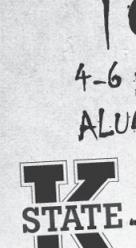
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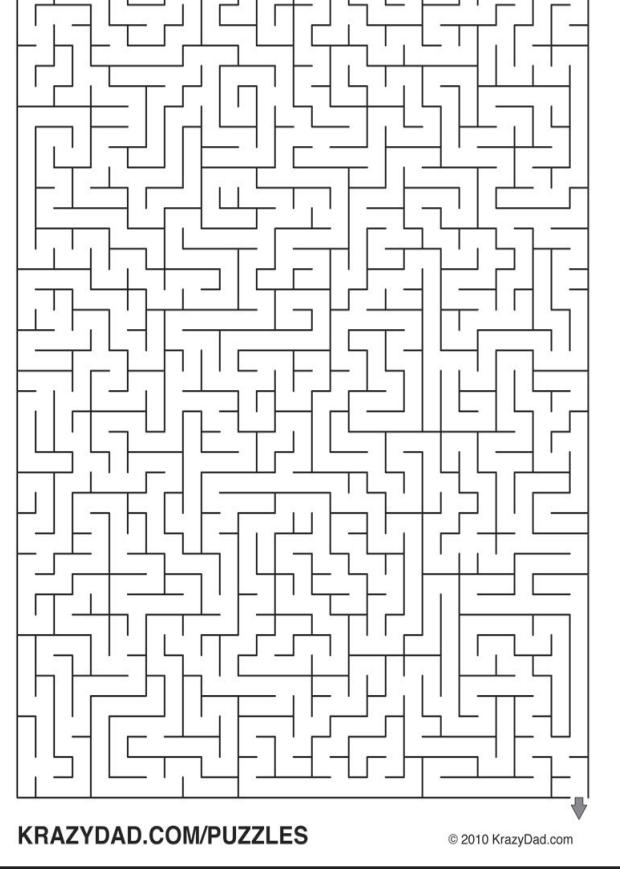
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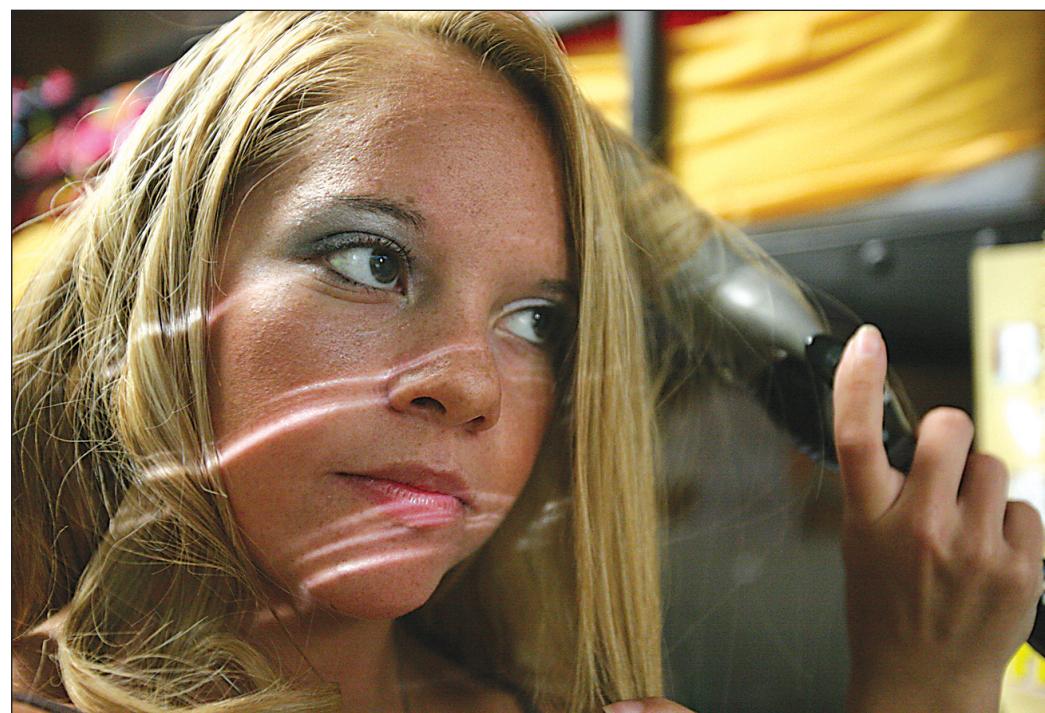
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Beauty on the Beach



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Top right: Jeanette Valdez, participant in the Beauty on the Beach contest, prepares for the show Wednesday evening.

Top left: Notoriously known as "The Twins," participants Caitlin and Gentry grind against the MC, "Routy Trouty," during the Cocktail round of Beauty on the Beach at Rusty's in Aggieville.

Middle: DJ Bradley Jae talks with an audience member who said he was in love with the participant Amanda. The crowd cheered on the women and laughed at the participants' jokes.

Bottom: The 17 women who participated in the contest lined up on the stage after the first round was complete. The contest was held in the back of Rusty's.

Beauty on the Beach is an annual event held at Rusty's Last Chance and Outback bar in Aggieville. Beauty on the Beach has two rounds, the final of which was on Wednesday. The contest is divided up into three rounds: the cocktail dress round, the bikini round and the costume round. The winner of the contest won \$1,500.

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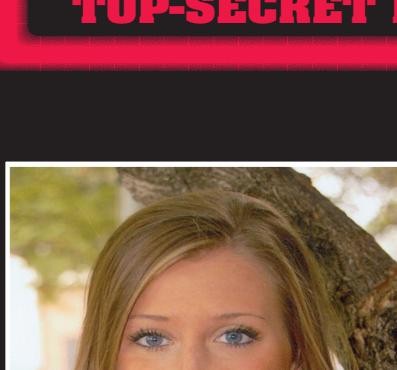
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 2) Marietta Ryba, assistant scientist in the agronomy department, adds a substance to soil samples to increase the pH levels in a lab.
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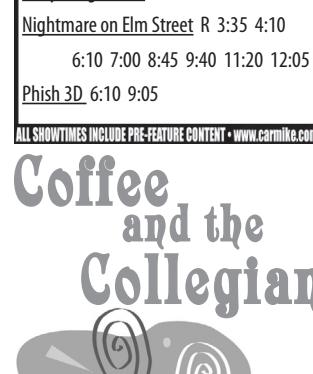
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